



## **Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 17**

**Meeting Date:** July 17, 2015

**Meeting Location:** Memorial Hospital Southside Office

**Council Members Present:** Susan Lesko, Amy Tempel, Jessica Richardson, Ashley Manship, Melissa Lueken, Nancy Rennie, Kim Donnelly, Susan Ford, Lisa Smith, and Darlene McBride

**Council Members Absent:** Judge Lynn Ellis

**Others In Attendance:** Micci Frye, Keith Patterson, Kenneth Malapote, Dana Welborn, Michael Singleton, and Jenda Bowers

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 8:30am

**Programs/Committee Report:**

**Minutes from the March 2015 Meeting were emailed to all members of the board. Nancy Renne made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Melissa Lueken 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Minutes from the May 2015 approved as distributed**

**Roll Call was done and Introduction of new members made. Everyone was informed that Kathy Anderson is the new supervisor in Perry County. Leslie Rowland, former director of Orange and Crawford County retired June 2015. Amy Tempel will be filling in as interim director in Crawford County and Susan Ford will be filling in as interim director in Orange County.**

**Community Partners:** Reported that 35 new referrals were made in June 2015. Out of the 35 new referrals, 18 were serviced. Due to the new fiscal year starting there are no caps and there is a new budget this year. Community Partners reported that they have participated in local 4H fairs to pass out information regarding the Community Partner program. A Success Story was given about a family.

**Regional Services Coordinator's Report:** All present were informed that all referral extensions glitches that took place the beginning of July should have now be corrected. If anyone experiences any other glitches or has any other questions regarding roll over referrals to contact Micci Frye.

**Regional Finance Manager :** Report and Allocations were sent out to board members. Everyone was informed that last fiscal year the region went over budget. New allocations for the region have not been distributed as of yet. Everyone is reminded to be fiscally responsible when it comes to the budget.

**Regional Foster Care Specialist:** Foster Care Specialist Melissa Lueken reported all counties have been set up with recruitment teams to help recruit more Foster Homes for the counties. The teams comprise of DCS employees, Foster Care Specialists, and community members. Foster Care Specialists are all working on training more Foster Homes but the training and requirements are more extensive so it is taking more time for the homes to become licensed.

**Practice Model:** Jessica Richardson reported to the group that a meeting and discussion took place in Indianapolis this past week and lots of discussion took place regarding teaming and engaging families, how to team around mental health issues, and how to team around substance abuse issues. As a region the counties are focusing on CFTM's more on cases and unsubstantiated cases to try and keep from getting repeat allegations and reports to call in. It was also reported that in Region 17 there has been a big influx in Peer Coaches which is really great to see more management and staff getting involved.

**Fatherhood Engagement Program:** RSC group was informed that there are currently 45 open cases in Region 17. The Fatherhood Engagement program received lots of compliments on how well the program is for father's and the services that it provides for families and getting the father more involved in what is going on in day to day lives of the children.

**Membership:** The group was informed that Deonna Walters will be the new representative for the Foster Parent.

**New Business:** Micci Frye went over Biennial Plan information. There is a meeting that will be taking place in Indianapolis at Central Office on September 16, 2015 at which time teams will be set up. Directors were reminded that Child Protection Teams may be changed at this time as well. More information to come.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** September 18, 2015 at 8:30am at Memorial Hospital Southside Office

**Meeting adjourned at:** 9:00am